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Note verbale dated 21 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) and, with reference to the latter's note of 7 February 2007, has the honour to present the national report of Sweden on the implementation of resolution 1737 (2006) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 21 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

National report by Sweden to the Sanctions Committee established by Security Council resolution 1737 (2006)

Pursuant to paragraph 19 of Security Council resolution 1737 (2006), Sweden submits to the Security Council the following information concerning the steps taken by the European Union (EU) and Sweden with a view to implementing effectively the provisions of the said resolution.

In its conclusions adopted on 22 January 2007, the Council of the European Union welcomed the measures in resolution 1737 (2006) and called on all countries to implement the measures in full and without delay. The Council agreed that EU should prevent the export to and import from Iran of the goods on the Nuclear Suppliers Group and Missile Technology Control Regime lists; ban transactions with and freeze the assets of individuals and entities covered by the criteria in resolution 1737 (2006); and take measures to prevent Iranian nationals from studying proliferation sensitive subjects within EU.

The European Union immediately initiated the preparation of legal instruments implementing the provisions of resolution 1737 (2006). On 12 February 2007, the Council politically endorsed a draft common position concerning restrictive measures against Iran. Preparations are under way to adopt without delay a Council regulation. Further information will be provided to the Security Council once the common position and regulation have been formally adopted.

As regards restrictions on visas, Sweden is a contracting party of the Schengen Convention. The Schengen Member States are bound by Regulation (EC) No. 539/2001 as to which citizens are required to have a visa for entering the Schengen area. Sweden has the following national legislation, which is based on the Schengen rules and provides the basis for refusal of admission and denial of requests for a visa: Aliens Act (Swedish Code of Statutes 2005:716), Aliens Ordinance (Swedish Code of Statutes 2006:97), Special Control of Aliens Act (Swedish Code of Statutes 1991:572).